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SUBJECT: PROPOSED WEU COMMITTEE VISIT TO US

REF:(A) PARIS 23235 (DTG 101641Z AUG 77);
-- (B) PARIS 21249 (DTG 211850Z JULY 77).

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1. WE WELCOME PROPOSED US VISIT OF WEU SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND AEROSPACE COMMITTEE. FOR REASONS GIVEN BELOW, WE BELIEVE COMMITTEE COULD BEST MEET OBJECTIVES DESCRIBED REF B IF IT CAME IN EARLY 1978 RATHER THAN SEPT. 18-28.
2. CONGRESSIONAL SCHEDULES ARE JAMMED SINCE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS ARE DEALING WITH HEAVY WORKLOAD IN

ORDER TO MEET EARLY OCTOBER ADJOURNMENT DEADLINE. AFTER ADJOURNING, MOST MEMBERS WILL BE OUT OF TOWN UNTIL CONGRESS RECONVENES IN JANUARY 1978. SINCE MEETINGS BETWEEN THE WEU COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND CONGRESSMEN WOULD BE ESSENTIAL TO SUCCESS OF TRIP, IT WOULD BE BEST IF COMMITTEE CAME IN EARLY 1978, BEFORE EASTER RECESS.

3. FOR DISCUSSING THE PRESIDENT'S ENERGY PROGRAM, IT WOULD BE HIGHLY PREFERABLE IF THE WEU COMMITTEE VISIT OCCURRED (1) AFTER REORGANIZATION OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH OFFICES CONCERNED WITH ENERGY AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT

OF ENERGY AND (2) CONGRESS HAS ACTED UPON THE PRESIDENT'S PENDING ENERGY LEGISLATION.

4. THEREFORE, PLEASE INFORM THE COMMITTEE THAT WE WELCOME THEIR PROPOSED VISIT BUT BELIEVE WE WOULD BE ABLE TO ARRANGE A MUCH MORE SATISFACTORY ITINERARY IF THE COMMITTEE COULD COME IN EARLY 1978. WE WILL, HOWEVER, DO OUR BEST TO ARRANGE AS WORTHWHILE A VISIT AS POSSIBLE SHOULD THEY DECIDE THEY MUST COME EARLIER.

5. IF EMBASSY WISHES TO NOMINATE GROUP UNDER VOLUNTARY VISITOR PROGRAM OF CU, PLEASE USE GUIDELINES OF A-2838 OF JULY 12, 1977. IF NOMINATED AS VOLUNTARY VISITORS, CU/IVP/V MUST HAVE MINIMUM OF THREE WEEKS' NOTICE.
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6. WE ASSUME THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD TRAVEL TO AND WITHIN THE US AT ITS OWN EXPENSE, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THE COMMITTEE'S COMPOSITION WOULD PRECLUDE CLASSIFIED BRIEFINGS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO LEARNING WHAT DATES THE COMMITTEE WILL NOW CHOOSE AND MORE DETAIL ABOUT WHOM AND WHAT THE COMMITTEE WISHES TO SEE AND WHAT SPECIFIC TOPICS THEY WISH TO DISCUSS.

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